

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 774

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jennifer King on her selection as Teacher of the year at Lincoln Heights Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer King is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. King has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year at Lincoln Heights Middle School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, being selected as Teacher of the Year at the school level is the first step in the competition for regional, state, and national honors; Ms. King will compete against other school-level winners from Hamblen County in order to advance to the district competition; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity as an eighth grade science teacher at Lincoln Heights Middle School, Jennifer King has been an educator for twenty-five years and a coach for twenty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. King received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from East Tennessee State University and is certified to teach science, biology, and earth and space science; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the faculty at Lincoln Heights Middle School in 2002, Jennifer King held teaching positions at West View Middle School, East High School, and Cherokee High School; and

WHEREAS, a member of Lincoln Heights Middle School's Advisory and Leadership Team, Ms. King also serves on the School Improvement Committee and is a mentor for first-year teachers; in addition, she has served as a core team leader for Students Staying Straight and committee leader for Project Graduation and has extensive experience in drug prevention and intervention programming; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer King is an HC*EXCELL grant recipient for Triple Beam Balances and Rock and Mineral Cycles and a Keep America Beautiful Clean Campus Award leader; she has served as keynote speaker for the Southern Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Tournament at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate educator, Ms. King has committed her life to teaching and to coaching basketball, which pursuits have given her the opportunity to watch her students and players grow and develop into outstanding scholars, athletes, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer King works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. King's community involvement centers around her children, her students, and her church; she is a faithful member of First Baptist Church, where she serves in the music ministry and works with children and youth programs; and

WHEREAS, truly epitomizing the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Jennifer King should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Jennifer King on being chosen Lincoln Heights Middle School's Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.